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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application based on the amendments and remarks of this paper. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 9.